

**Knights of Columbus  
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495  
Business Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2009**

**Call to Order**

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Twenty four (24) members were present. The roll call of officers was conducted and it is attached.

**Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes**

The Grand Knight indicated that the minutes of March 9, 2009 had been posted to the website in advance of this meeting and asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes as posted. None was offered. Minutes approved as posted.

**Report of Admissions Committee**

No new members. Two Knights have applied for transfer into our Council: Joseph Fontenot coming from Louisiana and Damian Bartholomew coming from Texas. A motion was made to approve the transfers. Motion received a second. The vote for acceptance was unanimous.

**Grand Knight's Report**

1. The next Round Table meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2009 in Waynesboro. The GK is unable to go this month. He requested that anyone that can make the trip should attend. The goal is to have at least one or two members from the Council make the trip to Waynesboro each month.
2. The next officers' meeting will be on Monday, May 4, 2009 at the Council home (Annex Building) commencing at 7:00 p.m.
3. The next business meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2009. The social starts at 7:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location: Council 8495 (Annex Building).
4. The GK thanked everyone that volunteered their time to work the Fish Fry events during the Lenten Season.
5. The GK expressed his appreciation to Bill Priddy and the many volunteers that worked the Tootsie Roll Drive. In spite of losing a Kroger location and the economic conditions, the drive was a success.
6. The GK thanked Bob Hoeppel for organizing this year's Easter Egg Hunt activity for the Parish children.
7. The GK awarded a First Degree Certificate to new member Matthew Leeseberg.
8. The GK read a thank you note from Fr. Michael expressing his appreciation for the flag and pole donated to the Church by Council 8495.

### **Chaplain's Report**

No report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance	\$ 8,204.94
Deposits	5,342.22
Expenditures	3,309.21
Ending balance	10,237.95

### **Reading of Bills and Communications**

We have two bills: To Home Company for drinks sold during the Fish Fry dinners - \$175.00; and to Supreme for various supplies purchased - \$105.76. Both bills were paid.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

1. We are in good standing with Supreme and State. All the reporting requirements have been met.
2. Monies owed to State for the forthcoming convention have been remitted. Any one else interested in attending the convention should see the FS this evening. Cost to attend is \$190.00 plus hotel accommodations. The convention will take place the weekend after Mother's Day.
3. There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Atlanta on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Currently two of our Council members will be advancing: Aaron Wahus and Price Roberts. Anyone interested in going should see the FS this evening. Cost is \$70.00 (and \$25.00 for spouse) plus hotel accommodations if remaining overnight.
4. The FS stated that the Raffle Tickets have yielded \$1,110.00. This is slightly better than last year's considering the financial climate of the economy. State will return a portion of the proceeds to the Council. As every year, the funds will be donated to Birth Right of Augusta.

### **Report of Auditors/Trustees**

No report.

### **Chancellor's Report on Vocations**

1. The Chancellor thanked the members for their contributions to the fund.
2. The balance in the fund account is \$1,837.01.
3. Ray and Joyce Adriano procured and prepared care packages for the 4 seminarians that we are currently supporting. Packages were mailed and two thank you notes were received from Chris Ortega and Deacon Winchell; Ray read both.

### **Membership Director's Report**

No report.

### **Program Director's Report**

1. Bill Kulovitz expressed his appreciation to all that volunteered their time during the last two months; it was a very busy period.
2. Bill also indicated that the set up on the website to facilitate signing up to volunteer for various events has worked well and that the plan is to continue the practice. If anyone does not have access, please see Bill to make arrangements to receive information regarding future events and volunteering time.

### **Church Director's Report**

No report.

### **Community Director's Report**

1. Bill Priddy stated that the Tootsie Roll Drive was somewhat arduous, yet it was a success. A total of \$5,058.66 was collected during the three-day drive. Bill expressed his appreciation to all the Brother Knights that participated in the drive.
2. Bill indicated that the will chair this event next year.
3. John Vigna stated that the Ladies Auxiliary that help sort and count the monies should also be thanked. All bills were properly bound and coins wrapped. Their effort eased John's carrying and depositing the collections.

### **Council Director's Report**

1. Bob Prange thanked everyone that came out to work the fish fry dinners. Everything turned out well each week.
2. The net income from the dinners was \$1,606.78. We had to reimburse the Church \$175.00 for broken dishes.

### **Family Director's Report**

Several sympathy cards and get well cards were sent out during the past month. If anyone has knowledge of a Brother Knight being ill or needing help, please contact Bob Hoeppele so that action can be initiated to provide any assistance necessary.

### **Youth Director's Report**

1. The balance in the account is \$2,887.00. This is good considering that the Youth only have two major fund-raising activities during the year: Breakfast with St. Nick and Fat Tuesday.
2. The major expense for this year will be the Diocese Youth Conference.

3. We will be cooking for the youth on Sunday, April 19, 2009 following the 5:30 p.m. mass. Many of the degree team members usually help out in support of the youth. However, this is the same date that the Degree Team will be away; therefore, we need volunteers to work this event.

### **Communications Director's Report**

No report.

### **Home Company Report**

1. The lease agreement has been completed. Fr. Michael is providing a final review prior to sending the document to the Diocese for review and approval.
2. The balance in the accounts is approximately \$53,000.00.

### **Roundtable Report**

No report.

### **Degree Team**

1. Bob Hoeppe is the new Team Captain.
2. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification at Fort Gordon on April 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. There is currently a Round Table at Fort Gordon associated with St. Joseph Church. This exemplification will qualify them to have enough members to start a new Council. All are urged to attend to support their effort. Dress is "Masters" casual (no jeans, no t-shirts, etc.).
3. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification at Council 677 on April 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Dress is coat and tie for candidates and observers.
4. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification at Fort Gordon on May 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. The location is buildings 39713 and 39711. We are the host Council and need volunteers to cook.
5. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplifications at Statesboro on May 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. A caravan will be leaving from the Council home at approximately 10:30 (after the 9:30 mass). Anyone interested in going should be in the parking lot by then.

### **Golf Tournament Committee**

1. The tournament will be held on April 25, 2009 at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.
2. John Vigna indicated that he has as many sponsors as in the past. However, very few players have signed up. As of this evening only 10 players have sent entries. At least 36 players are needed on a Saturday to have the tournament. John indicated that the tournament may have to be postponed, if not cancelled. He needs to give the Course at least one week's notice of cancellation. Time is quickly running out. The options for postponement do not offer good dates.

### **Priests Appreciation**

The activity will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Carlo Bracci is spearheading it. There are no further details at this time.

### **Ladies Auxiliary**

1. The GK reported that the Ladies Auxiliary (LA) prepared and submitted documentation to State for various Service Program awards. The LA has been very active this year.
2. The LA reported that a total of \$250.25 was made from the sales of deserts during the Fish Fry dinners. The LA plans to donate 10% (\$25.00) to the St. Teresa building fund.
3. The LA meets on the first floor of the Parish Annex on the same date as the Council's meeting. The GK asked all members to encourage their spouses to come to the LA meetings.

### **Nominating Committee**

1. The GK indicated that he is required to form a nominating committee to prepare a slate to fill the officers' positions for the next fraternal year. The committee is composed of three appointees by the GK and three volunteers from the membership. The GK appointees are: Tom Howe (Chair), Bob Hoeppel, and Joe Kise. The three volunteers are: Bob Prange, John Vigna, and Carlos Collazo.
2. The Committee was instructed to take action to prepare and present a nominations slate at the May 2009 business meeting. At that time, additional nominations from the floor will be accepted. The vote will be conducted at the June 2009 business meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. McKinley Curtis completed the coordination and purchase of a table with four chairs for the Rectory's patio.
2. Steve Crawford reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bird House Sale will be on Saturday and Sunday April 18 and 19, respectively. Steve had an injury to his right hand and has been unable to build more houses. Steve requested that anyone that can build additional houses to please do so and deliver them to him or to Don DeClue. Otherwise, take them to the Church between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a public preview on Saturday evening, following the 5:30 p.m. mass, in the back meeting rooms of the Parish Life Building. The houses will be sold (or placed on reserve) that evening. Refreshments, coffee and desserts will be provided. Cost for the preview will be \$5.00. The Sunday sales will outdoors, weather permitting. Volunteers are needed to set up and man the sales and cash box tables. To volunteer, see Steve this evening or go to the Council website.

### **New Business**

1. Bill Turner informed the members of a Food Lion grocery store program that returns a portion of "specific" sales to St. Teresa to be applied to the building fund account. Bill

explained that the way it works is that an individual obtains an MVP Food Lion store card (not a credit card). Then every time that the individual makes purchases at any Food Lion store, he/she presents the card for scanning and the purchases are linked to the St. Teresa Church. Periodically, Food Lion will determine the total purchase dollars that have been linked to St. Teresa and remits a stipulated percentage (around 1%) of the proceeds to the Church. There are no costs to the individual, other than making purchases at Food Lion. Bill Turner passed out applications to those present.

2. There are still several Council shirts available in various sizes. Anyone wishing to purchase a shirt, the price is \$30.00.

### **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

Next meeting is Monday, April 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. The location is Council 677 on Monte Sano and Central Avenue.

### **Field Agent's Report**

No report.

### **District Deputy Report**

1. There is a membership blitz going on at this time. All are encouraged to recruit new members. The District won the first round in the State, but is lagging in the second round.
2. This Council is doing well on membership this year. The Field Agent needs to work hard on getting more insurance members. The FA has been given two priorities: Councils 8495 and 13437, because the two Councils are the closes to STAR numbers.
3. There is some problem with meeting insurance quotas; we are behind. The DD advised everyone that annuities can be purchased for as low as \$300.00 that will be counted for insurance quota purposes.
4. The State would like to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Team formed in the Augusta area. Bob Hoepfel, the Degree Team Captain, will be working on this assignment.
5. The State website is back up and running; free of viruses. State is looking to obtain a new ISP for the site.
6. At the last District Deputy meeting the State commended our Council for the outstanding support we provide to the seminarian program.
7. The Convention is coming up in May at Jekyll Island. There is still time to register to attend.
8. Council 8495 will be hosting the convention in 2010. The State is pleased with the way that this Council hosted the convention in 2008. The DD thanked the Council for a job well done.

### **The Good of the Order**

Bob Prange provided a lecture on "Turning the Other Cheek." It was very entertaining and the message was well received: "Be tolerant of other people's actions and misgivings. Learn to forgive those who trespass against us as Jesus taught us to do."

### **Prayers for Sick and Distressed**

Additions to the prayer list were read by the FS. The GK indicated that anyone desiring to add/delete names can also go to the website and do so. Prayers were recited.

### **Chaplain's Summation**

Continue to pray for the sick and the needy and continue to do God's work through charity.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Collazo, Recorder  
April 30, 2009

**Roll of Officers**  
**Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495**  
**April 13, 2009**

Grand Knight	Aaron Wahus	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Kulovitz	Present
Chancellor	Chris Algeo	Present
Recorder	Carlos Collazo	Present
Treasurer	John Vigna	Present
Advocate	Tom Howe	Present
Warden	McKinley Curtis	Excused
Inside Guard	Pietro de Guerrero	Present
Outside Guard	Ramón Adriano	Present
Trustee, 3 year	Joe Kise	Excused
Trustee, 2 Year	Mark Chapin	Excused
Trustee, 1 Year	Tim Bair	Present
Financial Secretary	Bob Hoeppel	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Reverse	Present
Lecturer	Bob Prange	Excused